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SYDNEY

MAY RACE MEETING

(RANDWICK RACECOURSE)

Saturday, May 17th, 1947

Entries for the following races will be received by the Secretary of Tattersall's Club only, subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.

PROGRAMME

NOVICE HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th May, 1947; with £500 added. Second horse £100, and third horse £50 from the prize. For horses which have never, at time of starting, won a flat race (Maiden Races excepted) of the value to the winner of more than £50. Provided that a winner of a race or races for two-year-olds not exceeding in the aggregate £750 in value to the winner shall be eligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st.

One Mile.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP.

(For Two-Year-Old Colts and Geldings at time of starting)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th May, 1947; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. Seven Furlongs.

JUVENILE STAKES.

(For Two-Year-Old Fillies at time of starting)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th May, 1947; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. Six Furlongs.

FLYING HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £10 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th May, 1947; with £1,000 added. Second horse £200, and third horse £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st.

Six Furlongs.

THE JAMES BARNES PLATE.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £12 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th May, 1947; with £1,200 added. Second horse, £200, and third horse £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. (No allowances for apprentices.)

One Mile and a Quarter.

WELTER HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th May, 1947; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. 7lb.

One Mile.

CONDITIONS.

ENTRIES CLOSE before 3 p.m. on Monday, 28th April, 1947.

WEIGHTS to be declared at 10 a.m. on Monday, 12th May, 1947.

PENALTIES.—In all flat races a penalty on the following scale shall be carried by the winner of a handicap flat race after the declaration of weights, viz.: When the value of the prize to the winner is £50 or under, 3lb.; over £50 and not more than £100, 5lb.; over £100, 7lb.

ACCEPTANCES for all races are due before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th May, 1947, with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only.

The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject, after acceptance time, all or any of the entries of the lower weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would be run in such a race without a division.

The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

In the case of horses engaged in more than one race on the same day, when such races are affected by the condition of elimination, a horse if an acceptor for more than one race, shall be permitted to start in one race only. The qualification to start to be determined in the order of the races on the advertised programme.

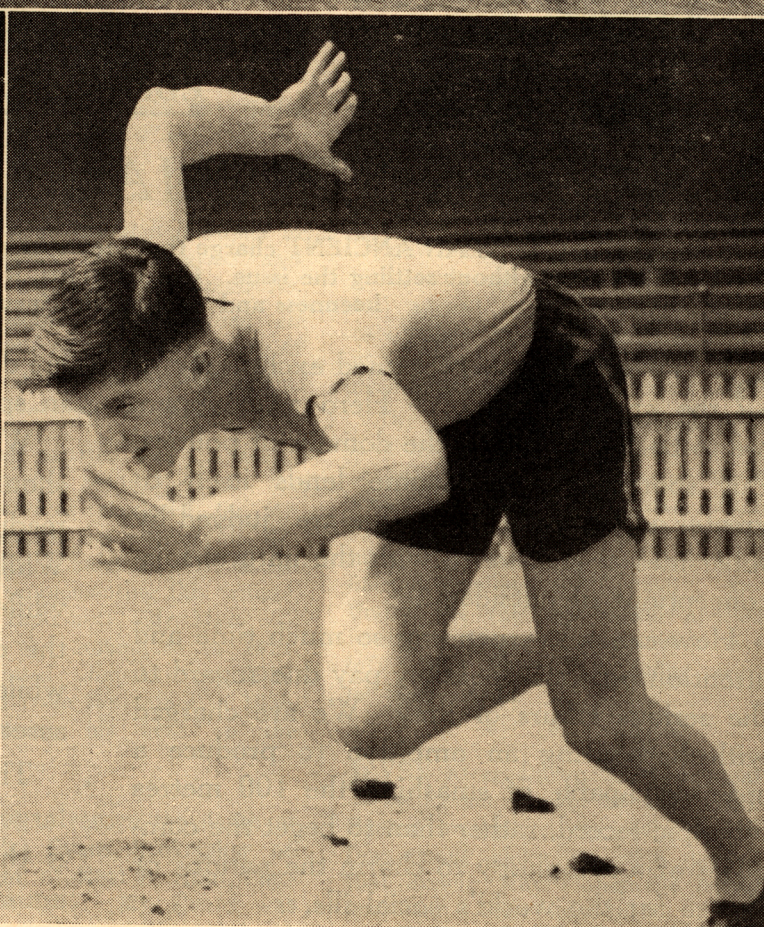
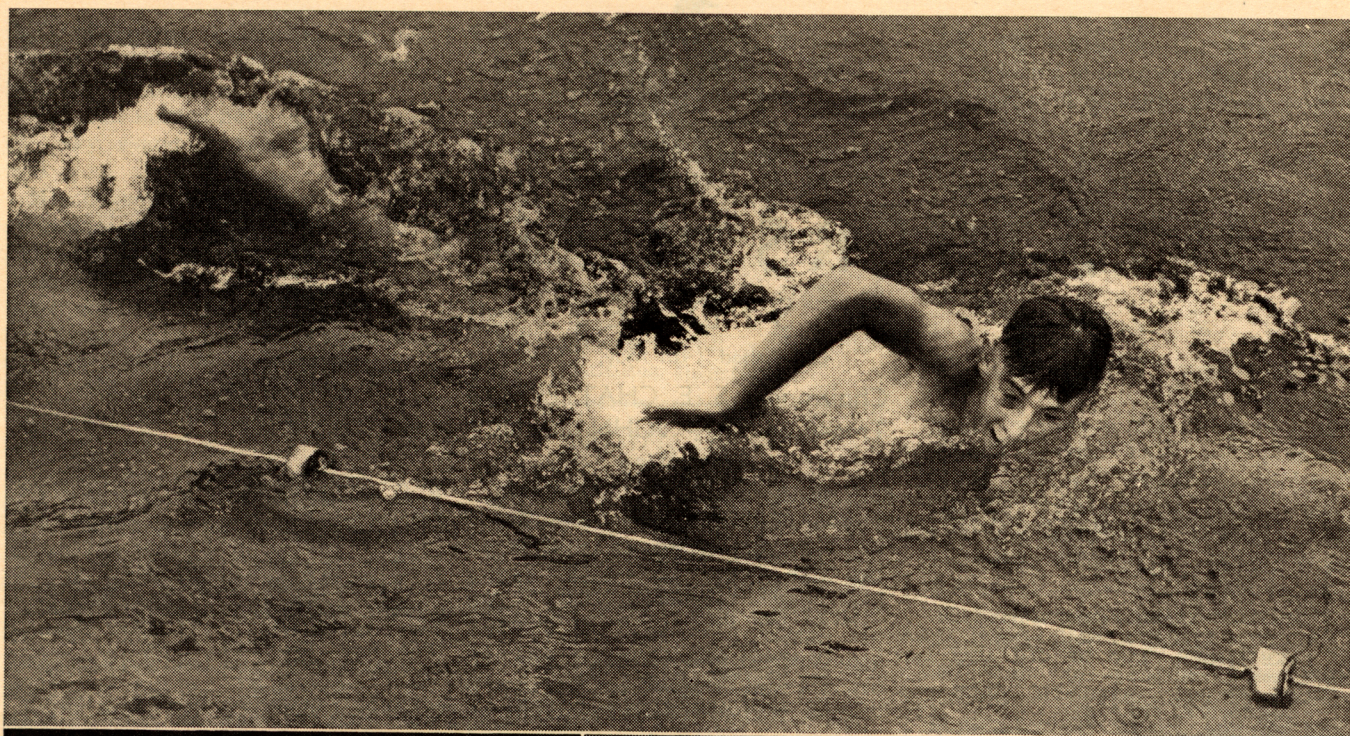
The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the sequence of the races and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting, and in the event of the Outer Course being used, races will be run at "About" the distances advertised.

The Committee also reserves to itself the right in connection with any of the above Races, should the conditions existing warrant it, to reduce the amounts of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the necessity arise.

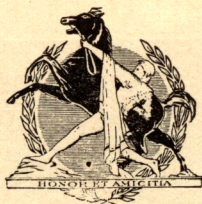
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T. T. MANNING,
Secretary.

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 28th APRIL, 1947



Three of Australia's oversea hopes. (Top) John Marshall of Victoria who is considered this Country's greatest Olympic prospect in years. Picture shows him winning the Australian Freestyle Championship in Adelaide recently. He enjoyed many successes and is still a colt. (Bottom Left) Mrs. Nancy Bolton, champion tennis player now on her way to Wimbledon (Eng.) for the title events. Good judges consider her the world's best of her sex. Wimbledon will be the testing ground. (Bottom Right) John Treloar, considered by many to be the fastest amateur sprinter in Australian history. He has repeatedly clocked 9.6 for the 100 yds. and has hopes, eventually, of getting down to Australian Jack Donaldson's professional time of 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs. which stands as the best ever for the distance.



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EDITORIAL

ARE AUSTRALIANS SPORT MAD ?

IT IS AN ANCIENT charge that seems to grow young with reputation,
without settling the issue. Our madness, if any, is merely an amazing
keenness and the youthful faculty to enthuse.

SUCH traits are not confined exclusively to the sphere of sport. Hero worshippers are to be found also in the domain of politics. But sporting as a pastime lends itself to greater acclamation. Thus we are judged by sobersides at a distance with the natural misconceptions of outsiders.

How can we, expending so much time and attention on sport, possibly pay due regard to the serious affairs of life? We are charged with harbouring an ambition to produce a sprinter capable of smashing the 100 metres Olympic record, rather than to beget the composer of a symphony to charm the nations or a cure for the world's social ills.

If we are so intensive about our sport as to be misunderstood it is simply that Australians

are descendants of a race which leads the world in sporting prowess.

What really matters, after all, is that sport should not be subject to abuses that occur so readily to the ingenious minds of exploiters. While pastimes retain the amateur flavour, while the striving is for the honour, not for the emoluments and, most important of all, while sport produces sportsmen as the main asset, we may court madness without fear.

The results in Australia, so far, by and large, have been satisfying our proudest boast is that we are a race of sportsmen capable, among our better elements, of playing the game and accepting in the same spirit victory or vanquishment.

THE CLUB MAN'S DIARY

NO Melbourne visitor knows his way round the club house better than Mr. Sol Green.

For that matter no member knows his way round anywhere quite as well.

Mr. Green took full stock of all appertaining to the Turf during the Autumn round at Randwick and his judgment was sound mostly.

He discarded the top weights in the Sydney Cup but erred when he reduced the All Aged Stakes to St. Fairy and Good Idea.

Leaving out Victory Lad was a risk.

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RANDWICK trainer, Dan Lewis, set his fellow trainers a task when he turned out Proctor to win the Sydney Cup, his fifth Cup of the series.

Most trainers would be well content with one.

Not much less than a year ago all of Dan's friends were extremely worried when he was seriously ill in hospital for many weeks.

He has come out brand new as the trainer of both Derby winners Concerto, and Prince Standard, the Sydney Cup winner Proctor and winners of other smaller events.

That's a record with three three-year-olds!

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MR. DAVID HUGHES has enjoyed the hospitality of Sydney which he had found overwhelming but Sydney horse form he has found most intricate.

He reckons he knows more about the way the horses go round in Melbourne.

He became interested in Solray when Sydney turned on a wet Easter but apparently Solray likes only Melbourne's particular variety of mud.

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MR. ALF. LEVY is back in Sydney after one of his regular trans-continental trips.

Alf. swings as regular as a pendulum these days between Perth and Sydney.

At times he dwells for a long period in Melbourne, usually because of a race called the Melbourne Cup, but then comes on to the west.

Sufficient address, however, is Alf. Levy, Australia.

IN the great race at Randwick between Windbag (Jimmy Munro) and Heroic (Hughie Cairns), and won by Windbag, Cairns entered a protest on the ground that Munro had crossed too sharply and checked Heroic when he was stretching out. The Stewards dismissed the protest—holding, apparently, that Munro was “two clear lengths” ahead of Heroic.

The Stewards will still decide what constitutes interference.

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## NOTIFICATION.

*Members are notified of the appointment of Mr. R. Van as House and Club Manager. Your Committee advertised for applicants and from between thirty and forty received Mr. Van was selected. He has been right through the mill and thoroughly understands every phase of our club requirements, including catering, from extensive experience gained on the Continent and throughout U.S.A.*

*Mr. Van fought with the Allies in the recent World War.*

*He has full charge of all staffs with the exception of the office.*

*By his appointment it is hoped to institute many improvements and embellish existing club amenities.*

*It is confidently anticipated all members will co-operate to bring to fruition so desirable an objective.*

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VERY well merited was the A.J.C. Committee's recording of the sterling services rendered by Mr. George Main, on his retirement. Remarks of the Chairman, Mr. A. G. Potter, in supplementing this tribute, struck the right note. Mr. Main was elected to the committee in 1921, was appointed chairman in 1937, and retired from that office in 1935, while retaining his seat on the committee.

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We regret to record the death of R. W. (Bob.) Evans, bookmaker, on 18/3/47, and of Noel P. Hunt, merchant, on 6/4/47. Mr. Evans was elected a member of this club on 2/4/22 and Mr. Hunt on 15/10/28.

MARK RADIUM, the 14.1½ pony which for the first time in R.A.S. history, won all high jumping events at the Show, is by Mark Radium, by Radium, the great high-jumper of other years. Master Radium was out of a pony mare and Mark Radium's dame was a magpie mare. This pony jumped 7 ft. 8 ins. at Albury.

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BERNBOROUGH'S arrival in the U.S. has stimulated American sports writers to discuss great Australian horses, past and present. Said of Carbine was that he did not like rain falling about his ears, and was once escorted to the post by an attendant holding an umbrella over the horse's head. Sydney veteran who remembers Carbine said: “Old Jack was so lazy in his movements before going on to the course that his trainer on occasions urged the horse along by opening and shutting an umbrella behind him. No horse likes water falling about his ears. For that reason more care has to be taken in swimming horses than in swimming cattle.”

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UNDER amendment of the rule governing disqualification of a horse for crossing during a race—and agreed upon by the principal race clubs in Australia—disqualification may ensue if the crossing causes interference.

The original rule stipulated that, if a horse was “two clear lengths” in front at time of crossing there was no ground for protest. Race club officials claimed that the meaning of “two clear lengths” had never been determined satisfactorily. Actually, the rule was never applied in its strict sense, and decision was left to the Stewards to judge cases on their merits.

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EVEN after Darby Munro's great riding on Russia at the A.J.C. Easter meeting, there were not a few among racegoers who claimed that Jimmy Munro was the better horseman. They point to his victory on Windbag in the Melbourne Cup as bearing the stamp of the master.

THE CLUB MAN'S DIARY—Continued

HANGING in the office of Sydney Turf Club in Liverpool Street is a framed photograph of the start of the Easter Cup at Kensington on April 7, 1909—38 years ago. Tom Watson is calling the horses into line. Nearby is a man holding a white flag aloft. Jockeys are riding longer length than those of today.

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REDFERN, which came into the news in recent times, was named after William Redfern (1778-1833), who was transported from England in 1801 for having taken part in a naval mutiny, minor though it was. He became assistant surgeon to Sydney Hospital in 1808. Much of his town estate was in the territory now bearing his name as a suburb.

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FOR a number of years old-time drapers of Sydney carried out successful race meetings on a course at Petersham, and afterwards at Homebush. In 1845, the original Farmer of Farmer & Coy. Ltd., won a double at the Drapers meeting. In the Ladies' Purse he rode the black gelding, Bother 'Em, winning comfortably, with Mr. Fawcett's Cock Robin second. In the Beaten Purse, Mr. Farmer won on Escape. Profits of that meeting were presented to the Benevolent Asylum.

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IN Rome the people are gambling on guinea pigs. The police have imposed a ban on the game boards and roulette wheels which used to be seen in operation in many Italian cities. One clever operator has responded by replacing the roulette wheel with a living guinea pig. The rodent is released in the centre of 16 hutches. Spectators stake their money on the hutch into which they hope the guinea pig will go, and they wait for him to decide their bets.

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TOGETHER in the club were Frank Underwood and George Chiene, committeemen, and Duncan Parbury, down from his North Coast farm. They had in common, football recollections. They had all played the Rugby Union game—Frank as an international, George and Duncan as senior graders. More, George and Duncan had met in the final of the State feather-

weight championship in the early 1900's. Duncan, never beaten in his career, won on points. Within the next week he won the Australian lightweight championship. Frank Underwood had promoted amateur championships and for many years was chairman of the N.S.W. Amateur Boxing Association.

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FRANK SPURWAY'S success in the Sydney Cup with Proctor delighted many who had failed to pick the winner, but who knew the money that Frank had invested in racing as a hobby.

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL.

5th Norman McLeod	12th C. L. Fader
W. J. McIver	22nd J. W. Brecken-
6th R. W. Evans	ridge
G. E. Nagel	23rd D. Lotherington
8th M. V. Gibson	24th H. R. McLeod
10th K. A. Bennett	25th Hector Reid
W. R. Dovey,	30th P. T. Kavanagh
K.C.	

MAY.

1st V. H. Moodie,	16th Dr. L. S. Low-
J. Dolden	enthal
Ernest Lashmar	22nd De Renzie Rich
3rd Roy Miller	Mr. Justice Rich
4th L. M. Browne	Herron
D. F. Stewart	26th R. B. Barmby
5th W. M. Jennings	C. R. Tarrant
6th H. C. Bartley	J. T. Hackett
A. E. Coulthurst	28th G. Chiene
7th L. P. R. Bean	30th Mr. Justice
G. A. Crawford	Clancy
12th D. S. Davis	A. C. Shaw
14th C. E. Blayney	31st A. B. Abel
15th J. Goldberg	
C. S. Laurie	

Your Committee, on the authority of members, has purchased a property on the southern side and adjoining our premises in Castle-reagh Street. Intention is to build to requirements when permissible. The scheme will considerably extend our present area and permit, principally, greater facilities for our Dining Room; improvements to athletic sections; provide increased accommodation for interstate and country members and generally improve existing amenities. Until such time as permission is given to build the existing structure has been let at a satisfactory rental.

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Members will no doubt have noted with approval that a new axminster carpet has been secured and laid wall to wall in our main club room to make conditions even more cosier.

IN a discussion in club someone suggested that world peace and contentment were livened up in universal acceptance of the philosophy of Omar Khayyam. Let us look at this observation. Omar preached a philosophy suited only to a Bohemian section of a community: "Oh leave the world to wrangle, and with me the quarrel of the universe let be." Likewise: "Oh take the cash in hand and waive the rest." Excellent philosophy for so long as the cash lasts. When the cash runs out—what then? Call him "Khayyam the Kid-staker" and you'll be about right.

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TIRED business men should take noonday naps if they expect to live a long and useful life in this age of high-speed living, according to Dr. Irvine H. Page, research director of the Cleveland Clinic (U.S.).

"High blood pressure is the No. 1 killer of the average business executive," he explained. "Death notices may list heart failure, coronary disease, broken cerebral vessels, strokes or kidney failures. Most of these are due to high blood pressure."

Adequate rest, peace of mind, keeping weight down and following a normal diet are measures that will prevent high blood pressure, he went on.

"Take a nap at noon whenever possible," he advised. "Eat intelligently. Heavier persons have more blood vessels in their bodies. This places an extra strain on the heart."

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REFERENCE to mothers-in-law is made by Charles Barrett in his book "The Buynip," a recent publication dealing with the customs and legends of the aborigines: "Avoidance of the mother-in-law, one of the most mysterious customs of primitive races, is general among Australian tribes. The rule of avoidance actually is not restricted to one relation, but applies to all the women who, according to tribal law, might have become mothers-in-law of the man concerned."

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That portion of our club premises for so long known as the American Center has been let to the Sydney Turf Club.

PRINCELY STORY-TELLER TAKES HIS LAST BOW

In last issue we reported that E. J. (Teddy) Gravestock, so well known as a contributor to our magazine on theatrical affairs, had suffered a stroke while on holidays at Jervis Bay. Unfortunately we now have to record his passing away since that publication.

Teddy was a big figure in our theatrical life and for many years managed St. James Theatre in Elizabeth Street.

During his lifetime many world-famed troubadours passed through his hands and in many cases he managed them.

Considered to be one of the best "spotters" of talent in the stage business his services were eagerly sought by entrepreneurs all over the world.

Ted could "spot" a top-line act ten years before it duly "arrived" and did so repeatedly.

Here is one story of his relative to George H. Chirgwin who, many years back, appeared at the old Tivoli Theatre when it was stationed in Castlereagh Street, where the Embassy Theatre now stands.

Chirgwin became famous by sheer accident.

He was doing his regular black face turn at the Oxford Theatre, London.

Just before going on stage a fly flew into his eye and in the hurry of the moment Chirgwin set to to get it out.

He was successful but the operation caused both eyes to water and he rubbed them vigorously with his hands.

Result was he went on the stage with a black face and two white eyes.

The audience roared with laughter so much that Chirgwin decided to make the "accident" part and parcel of his future routine.

Henceforth he was billed as the "White-eyed Kaffir" and leaped to the top of the bill—a big jump from his original start as a street singer.

He was in good company in

that however, as famous Edmund Kean and Dan Leno started in the same way.

Chirgwin played for four pounds per week under his own name but as the "White-eyed Kaffir" jumped to seven pounds and, later, £100 which was tremendous money round the late 90's.

The "Kaffir" had a remarkable gift in a falsetto voice of astonishing quality.

He used to give a sort of parody on Grand Opera for his opening scene—a real burlesque bravura. He would suddenly stop to make a climax and say quietly: "arf a mo, cockies".

Then he would grasp a cello and accompany himself singing "Sweetheart" — perhaps you remember the refrain:—

"My fiddle is my sweetheart,
And I'm her loving beau
(bow)

I take her by the waist like that
(grasping the middle of
the instrument)

Because I love her sol"

In this, as in his "Blind Boy" he used his falsetto with remarkable effect.

Actually the falsetto voice was also an accident.

It came about through the "kaffir", early in his career, having to understudy a falsetto act. It was a case of the pupil being far superior to the master.

Following the vocal effort the Kaffir did a lively dance while holding two clay pipes on a tray. At the same time he sang skits on topics of the day to the tune of "Pop goes the Weasel" such as:—

"Everyone has his political views
And everyone backs his;
But whether you win or whether
you lose,
Up go the taxes!"

Teddy had much to tell about Jenny Hill known as "The Vital Spark" and recalled that she was mother of Peggy Pryde who made such a name for herself on the Australian boards.

Jenny started out singing for a couple of shillings a night at "free-and-easies" where gentlemen never took their ladies.

Maurice de Frece, husband of Vesta Tilley, "discovered" Jenny and booked her at a substantial fee for the Oxford.

To settle all arguments, Teddy stated when this recorded conversation took place, that Peggy Pryde was brought to Australia three times by Harry Rockards. The first in 1898 and the last in 1911.

That third tour cemented the good opinion she had previously formed of this country and its people and she stayed here.

Such were the stories Teddy Gravestock used to tell eager listeners. When the end came he was in a Nowra hospital with daughter Joan, who had flown from Melbourne, alongside. The second daughter, Betty, was in New Zealand but it says much for modern transport that both were there at the last of a very short and sudden illness.

Payten's Compliment

Everybody knows that trainer Dan Lewis now has won five Sydney Cups but the reason why comes from his colleague, Bayly Payten in a graceful compliment to a fellow-trainer.

After Proctor had won the Sydney Cup last Easter Monday, Payten said: "When Danny boy trains them, they're fit and can saddle up all the time.

"His Cup horses do not get knocked out with racing, they come up again.

"The reason for this is that they do not have a race until they are ready for it. Then they get better with every race, hard and tough."

Dan's best example of conditioning probably has been Victory Lad who has been racing through the months and three states.

NEW ZEALAND RACING

Pros Versus Cons

Racing executives in New Zealand have adopted the camera-finish apparatus without question but so far they are only mildly interested in starting stalls.

Strangely from an Australian viewpoint, or at least a Sydney and Melbourne one, some leading clubs in New Zealand still have the single-strand barrier.

The objection to the six strands is that it is a threat to jockeys.

Starters in the Dominion favour the full barrier but they have been over-ruled by the committees of the clubs.

The Wellington Racing club; one of the most progressive clubs in the country, has the most primitive barrier and the most modern totalisator and photo-finish camera.

It's most striking achievement, however, is the banking of the turns making what was a perfect race course now a pluperfect one.

The rearrangement of the

course necessitated it being closed to racing for a year and an outlay of £80,000.

The turns are banked like a cycle track both entering and leaving the straight, the outside section being some ten feet higher than the inside.

Horses go round these turns without an effort and without losing an inch of ground. They supply the answer to those who have been searching for a cure for horses who hang out.

The procedure is one of simple dynamics and after witnessing its success at Trentham one wonders why all turns are not banked on all courses.

Also on the credit side for arrangement is the allotting of tickets for seats at the yearling sales.

Bloodstock salesmen in the Dominion realise the wide-spread interest in the young horses but also they insist that buyers must have preference over onlookers.

When owners and trainers from Australia arrive they are given tickets for reserved seats, which are theirs for the entire sales.

They can be vacated so that a yearling might be more closely inspected but their seats are retained.

Defining "Sportsman"

WE sat in on a discussion as to the definition of "sportsman", a term of lavish use today, but one which in its honest application embodies a tribute second to none. Here are selections from the discussion:

One who knows how to win one day and lose the next . . . One who keeps on playing the game according to the rules after he has been "dealt with" by his playfellows . . . One who legs up someone in need without rushing to the microphone . . . One who says: "There may be another side to the story" . . . A hard man, maybe, but a just man . . . One who doesn't sneak out of a liability through a loophole.



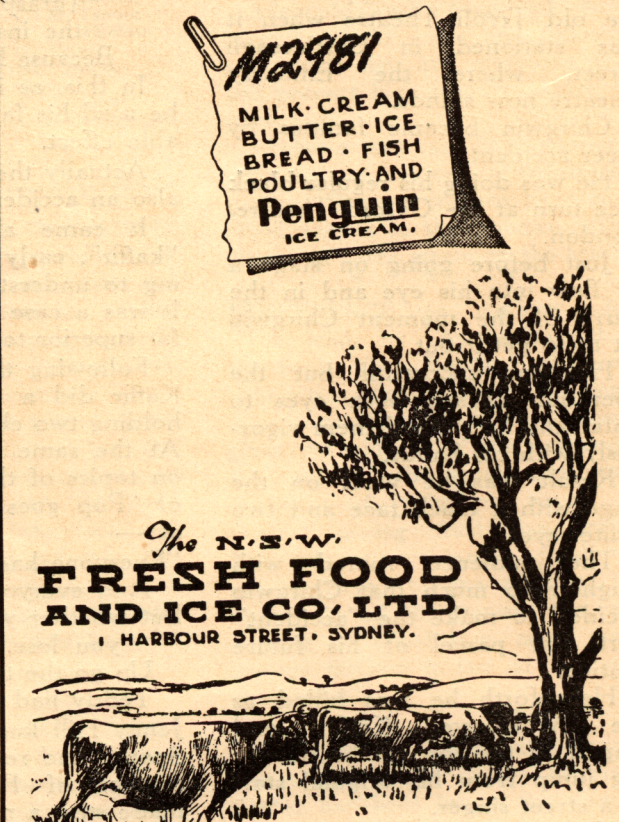
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HORSE OF THE MONTH

Blue Legend is "Blue" to You

Blue Legend is just simply "Blue" to his intimates, a horse with a stable name which is part of his own. Although thrice the winner of Sydney's best mile races he remains the quietest horse in the stable safe enough for any juvenile to handle.

When trainer R. Abbott was asked by bookmaker - owner Arthur Browning to take a yearling for Mrs. H. Field, Bob was not entirely sold on the Wakare male parentage of the colt on offer.

Under persuasion he relented only to have some misgivings when a very small and unimpressive black colt arrived at the stables.

"Only looked like a foal," added the trainer, "but I had said I would do the job, so there was nothing else for it.

"I did not even hope then. I was looking for a big handicap winner in those early days."

Blue Legend, however, thrived and prospered. He was given every chance and before long his owner and trainer realised they had something better than average.

Blue Legend's two Doncaster Handicaps and one Epsom Handicap within thirteen months is a record which will stand the test of some time.

Altogether Blue Legend has won seven races and his recent Doncaster Handicap took him well past the £10,000 mark.

Even with all of these honours thick upon him and nearly a five-year-old Blue Legend remains as quiet and staid as the stable hack. He can be used as a hack and the stable lads can ride him and lead another horse from him.

Bob Abbott naturally has a warm regard for this still developing race horse. No trainer ever has put a saddle on him.

Otherwise Abbot says that Blue Legend is just an ordinary horse about the stable. A moderate and easy feeder the horse causes no stable upsets and takes life easily and as it comes.

But owner Mrs. Field is the most enthusiastic — and justifiably.

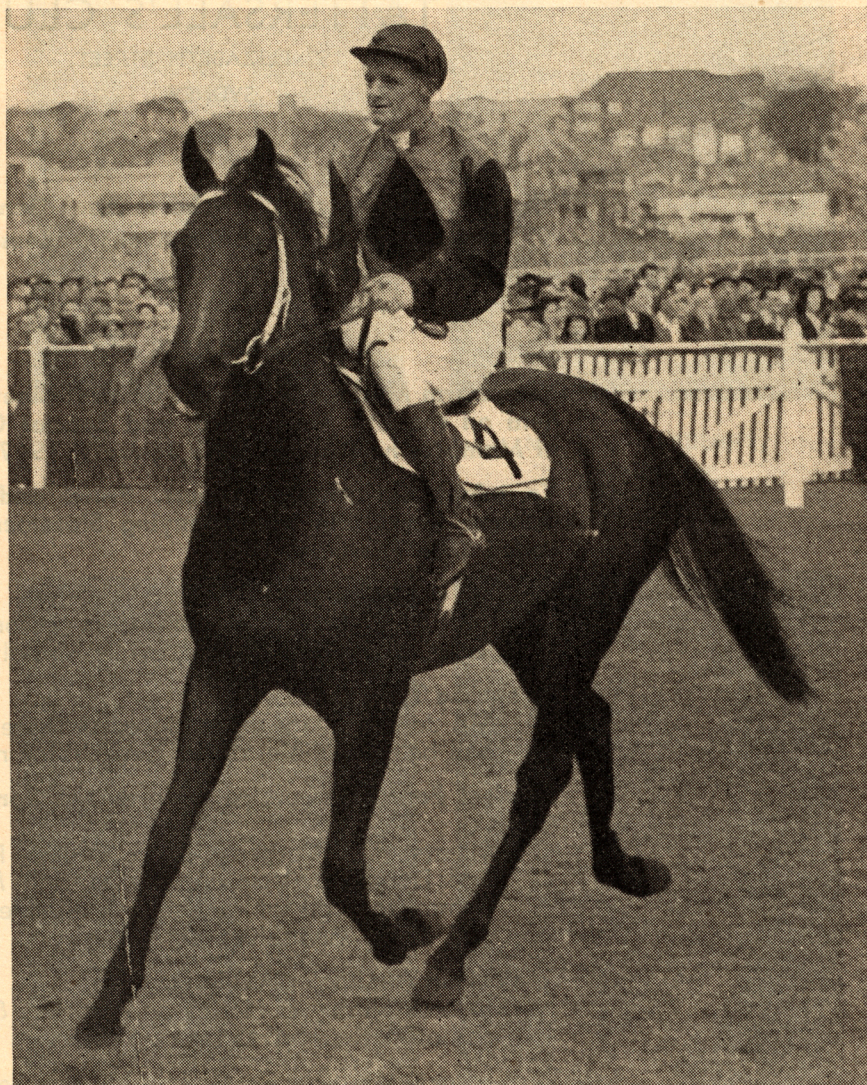
She takes a personal interest

in her horse and he knows it. Like many owners Mrs. Field never calls without a tit-bit and Blue Legend has his horse sense.

"Blue" raised his head, recognised the caller's voice, reckoned there were prospects of variation of diet and galloped up to see.

Blue Legend's foreshortened name for stable purposes is an easier way than is customary. Some the high falutin' names have to come down to Tom Dick or Sandy.

Blue Legend still is only a little horse. His trainer says he is no more than 15 hands 1 inch,



BLUE LEGEND is still full of dash as he trots back to the birdcage after winning at Randwick. E. Fordyce is the jockey in the picture.

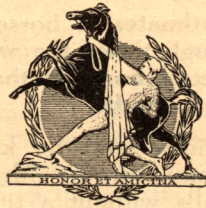
He knows when his owner, and the favours arrive in the yard.

His best exploit was when out spelling recently at St. Mary's. Mrs. Field paid a visit of inspection and called her horse from a distance of two hundred yards.

which is small as top class horses go.

He represents a mother and son interest. Mrs. Field's son decided that his mother should have the Warkare colt and sent him along.

It was Mothers' Day.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting of the Members** will be held in the Club Room on **Wednesday, 7th May, 1947, at 8 o'clock p.m.**

BUSINESS :

- (a) **To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held on the 8th May, 1946, and Special General Meeting of Members held on the 29th January, 1947.**
- (b) **To adopt the Annual Report, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements for the year ended 28th February, 1947.**
- (c) **To elect a Chairman.**
Mr. S. E. Chatterton retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (d) **To elect a Treasurer.**
Mr. John Hickey retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (e) **To elect Four Members to serve on the Committee for Two Years.**
Messrs. F. J. Carberry, A. G. Collins, F. G. Underwood and Donald Wilson are the retiring Members of the Committee, all of whom are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.
- (f) **To elect an Auditor or Auditors.**
Messrs. Horley & Horley and Starkey & Starkey retire, and offer themselves for re-election.
- (g) **To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.**

Nominations for Auditors must be lodged not later than 12 noon, 28th April, 1947.

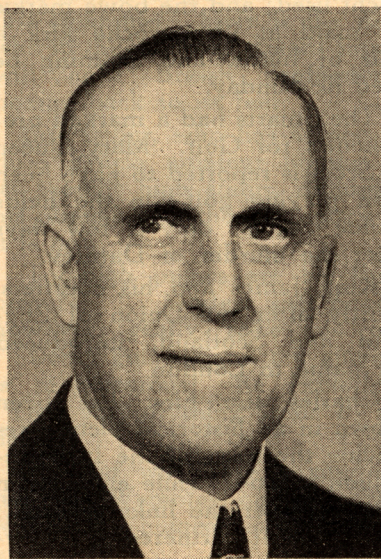
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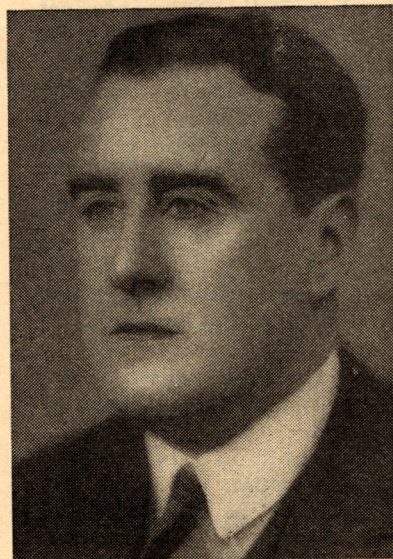
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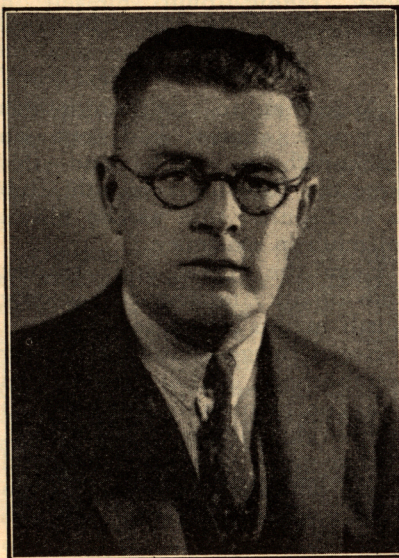
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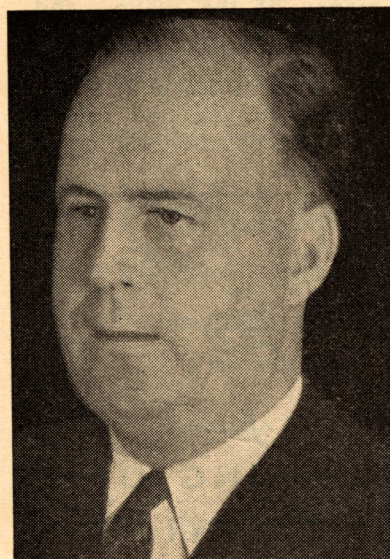
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MR. DONALD WILSON,
Committeeman.

All the retiring Office Bearers are eligible, and offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting of the members, to be held at 8 p.m. on 7th May, 1947.

ROUNDAABOUT OF SPORT

Origin of Sports—No. 1

Some years back the London "Daily Express" newspaper set its hounds to work to discover the origins of various sports. Eventually a volume covering 500 pages resulted. Here's a very epitomised version of what was found out about GOLF—a game we all play "at" if not properly.

WHENCE came this gross inflection on mankind—this wholly diverting but soul-destroying game?

It is not known whether the game was first played in Scotland or imported.

In 1353 both in Holland and Flanders a popular past-time was chole, or kolbe, or kolf.

Three hundred years later it was recorded: "no small quantity of gold and silver is transported yierlie out of his Hiene's kingdom of Scotland for bying golf ballis" from the Netherlands.

Those balls cost "four schillings money of the realm" and were stuffed with feathers.

Between the fourteenth and seventeenth centuries golf, whatever land of origin, had gained firm affection on the folk north of the Tweed.

In 1457 the Scottish Parliament decreed that: "Futeball and Golf be utterlie cryit doune and nocht used; and the bowe merkis be maid at ilk parochie kirk a pair of buttis, and shouting be used ilk Sunday."

The Stuarts had a marked predilection for Golf. Mary Queen of Scots is reported to have been seen playing golf "in the fields beside Seton" only a few days after the murder of Darnley.

King James and his courtiers, shortly after the Union of England and Scotland, introduced the game to London.

Charles the First has been shown in an historical picture receiving the news of the Irish Rebellion in 1642 while engaged in a round over the links at Leith; and James II partnered in a foursome by a shoemaker named John Patersone, routed two English noblemen, and was so delighted with his success that he gave the shoemaker half his considerable stakes wherewith the lucky fellow built himself a "house at Canongate".

Blackheath First.

According to tradition it was a 5-hole course laid out on Blackheath in 1608, and this gives the Royal Blackheath Club its undisputed title as the oldest golf club in existence.

Even the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews comes only fourth in the list of seniority.

Royal Burgess Golfing Society (established 1735) is second with The Honorable Company of Edinburgh Golfers (1744) third.

First game of golf in England to be officially recorded was in 1878 when Garrick, famous actor, invited certain friends to visit him at Hampton where he took them to "the golfing ground".

Golf, then, found its way to England some 300 years ago but the great surge came late in the 19th century.

The craze passed on to the Continent, to America, and all

over the civilised globe and so the lines once written about St. Andrew will now apply almost anywhere:—

"Rich and poor alike are smitten with the fever,

Their business and religion is to play,

And a man is scarcely deemed a true believer

Unless he has at least one round a day."

(Next month another 'Origin'.)

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CONTROLLERS of English Rugby League knocked back the Australian suggestion of transport fees for players although they still carry on the good work.

Dewsbury paid a record Rugby League transfer fee of £1,650 for the signature of W. T. Davies, Huddersfield's 29-year-old centre or full back, after the most intensive competition for a player's services in the history of the game.

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THE current "Tennis War" in Sydney is apparently not in solo effort. The L.T.A. is accused of lethargic attitude and shortsightedness. Now read what the London "Daily Despatch" published as an editorial on 12/2/47.—

What a peculiar commentary it is on the state of British lawn tennis that on February 11, in mid-winter, Wembley will stage their big indoor professional tournament featuring Alice Marble, Donald Budge, and Bobby Riggs, all Californians, and our lone British woman professional "star", Mary Hardwick.

Peculiar in what way? Because the British are willing to roll up in large numbers, paying thousands of pounds to see a nearly all-American show of a calibre we just cannot approach—and the Lawn Tennis Association, apparently, couldn't be less interested. The Wembley four are "pro's", and that's that.

Or is it?

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AT HOME AND ABROAD

The "importation bug" which has hit English sporting clubs is evidently causing some treasurers headaches.

PLAYERS like Bert Cook, famous Kiwis full-back, and Arthur Clues, Australian Test forward, both of whom have joined Leeds, and Cooper, Australian Test winger, and Jack Hunter, an Australian full-back of near-Test standard, who are coming to Huddersfield by air, are costly acquisitions.

A sum of £1,000 down and a contract of several years, as well as high playing terms, are now the generally accepted thing.

It is reasonable to assume that figures will become higher as competition increases, and it is not unlikely that Rugby League clubs and League cricket clubs will soon start to put their heads together with a view to sharing the heavy costs involved.

In nine cases out of ten these famous Colonial footballers are also pretty good-quality cricketers, quite up to League cricket standards.

It has been suggested that Ray Lindwall, the Australian Test fast bowler, would go away on £1,000 a year guarantee.

Lindwall is also a useful Rugby player, and it would not be surprising to find notable clubs like, say, Bradford Northern in Rugby League and Windhill in Bradford League cricket combining to give a man like Lindwall an all-the-year-round job in which the expenses could be equally shared.

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This from the "Sunday Dispatch" (Eng.), speaks for itself—

WATCH Wembley! My guess is that Sir Arthur Elvin will soon be back in the professional Boxing Big Time—and not before time.

Last week I asked Sir Arthur point-blank: "Are you coming back to Big Boxing?" The Wizard of Wembley smiled that

non-committal smile of his and replied: "I'm considering it."

A hint is as good as a nod to this columnist. Here is the man who in the not very distant future will hoist British professional boxing back to its feet.

Sir Arthur, who has helped to raise British amateur boxing to its present high status, discussed his objection to the pro. game as it is now.

Too-high purses are his Bugbear No. 1. Modern seat prices, however, really raise his ire. "Twenty guineas and ten guineas is preposterous!" he exploded. "That sort of thing leads to inflation."

"If and when big boxing returns to Wembley our top price will be five guineas, scaling down to 6/-."

Since he staged his last big fight (Doyle v. Levinsky, on April 27, 1937) Sir Arthur Elvin has been approached several times for the use of Wembley. He sticks to his rule, however: "Professional boxing at Wembley will be both staged and promoted by Wembley."

Besides that, as a shrewd business man, he does not wish to have the name of Wembley linked in any way with inflation-priced shows.

He knows that he is perhaps the one hope of really Big Boxing ever again coming within the pocket capacity of the Little People, and puts it thiswise: "I realise I owe it to the real boxing-loving public to do something, and—I'm considering it."

What more could you want for a hint?

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BILLY THOMPSON, the Hickleton Main lightweight, who outpointed Josef Preys (Belgium) at Newcastle, wants to fight Ronnie James, British champion, for James's title on the latter's return from Australia.

Thompson has backing for a side-stake up to £1,000.

WITH 18 ins. of snow on the Park Avenue ground, Bradford F.C. today asked the Football League for permission to postpone the match with Manchester City because, in their opinion, it would be impossible for the ground to be in fit condition for play.

The League, however, declined to authorise such action, the referee being the sole judge, and informed the club that they must bring the referee (Mr. A. Meadows, Redcar) to Bradford and leave the decision to him.

One look, and the man of the whistle agreed.

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VIC PATRICK shows common-sense in refusing to fight out of his class; otherwise in refusing to be talked out of his class by welterweights. Patrick learnt his lesson in N.Z. when he gave away height, weight and reach to Bos Murphy. Incidentally, if Marcus is world class, judged by American standards, the Australian should prove a tough contender for the world title. And a world title should mean ringside weighing.

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Telling the Story of Tattersall's

Where Horselovers Seek Hacks, Hunters and Derby Winners

Article by Angela Thorne, condensed from "Town and Country," in "English Review."

Tattersall's has survived the war, though the yard in Knightsbridge did not escape bomb damage, and during the air-raids the famous old weather-cock was often seen silhouetted against the reddened sky. To-day the business is thriving once more. Tattersall's sales of bloodstock at Newmarket continue to break records. In London, however, things will never be as they were. The firm have decided that there will be no more hunter sales at the Knightsbridge yard, and so they pass like many other things we enjoyed into the limbo of nostalgic memories.

When an old gentleman of 79, with a neat white moustache, shrewd blue eyes and quiet voice, died on October 26, 1942, there ended a dynasty which for 180 years had virtually controlled the sales of thoroughbred horses in this country, and had supplied its name to the committee that governs the rules of betting. The dynasty was unique. Somerville Tattersall, last of the line, was known wherever horses are currency.

The founder of the firm, Richard Tattersall (1724-95), of Ridge and Hurstwood, on the borders of Yorkshire and Lancashire, came to London, acquired a share in Beavor's Horse Repository in St. Martin's Lane, and, under the tuition of Mr. Beavor, became so expert in the treatment and care of horses that the then Duke of Kingston, whose grey and graceful mansion stood facing Hyde Park, made him manager of his stud.

There was no horse repository in those Georgian days, where fixed sales could be held at stated periods. Richard Tattersall suggested that one be started and offered to be the auctioneer. Lord Grosvenor strongly supported the plan, and the first Tattersall sale yard was built on his property at Hyde Park Corner in 1766, where St. George's Hospital now stands. There were stables, kennels for hounds, stands for the sale of carriages. In the house, two elegant rooms were provided for members of

the Jockey Club, who held their meetings there for some years.

The original subscription room for betting was opened there in 1789, and although it had but seventy-six original members, they included such distinguished men as the Dukes of Beauford and Portland, Lords Darlington, Scarborough and Fitzwilliam, Mr. Mellish and Major O'Kelly, the owner of Eclipse.

In those days Piccadilly was a muddy road. The Old Berkeley hounds sometimes met at Hyde Park Corner to hunt the fox; Knightsbridge was a village "quite out of London" with a bad reputation for highwaymen, low taverns, footpads and loose women. There was no conveyance to London but a kind of stage-coach; the roads were dimly lighted by oil; and modern paving was to be seen only along Knightsbridge Terrace.

The Rural Setting.

This was the rural setting in which Richard Tattersall began the business which, like so many other English institutions, sprang from private enterprise and was to become foremost of its kind in the world. He took from the Earl of Grosvenor a 99-years' lease of the Hyde Park Corner site. Tattersall kept a cow in the meadow at the back of the saleyard, and it is a pretty thought that when the Regency bucks cantered out to visit the yard in the morning, or drove there in their calashes, they were

each offered a glass of milk fresh from the cow.

"Old Tatt," as everyone knew him, became one of the characters of his day. He bought and sold horses for the noblemen of England, rapidly made money, became a favourite friend of the Prince Regent, later George IV, and crowned the sum of his achievements by acquiring from Lord Bolingbroke that great horse, Highflyer, by Herod. Highflyer ran eight times, was never beaten.

"Old Tatt" made a lot of money from Highflyer's stock, and as a breeder was a great rival of Major O'Kelly, who owned the peerless Eclipse. Tattersall bought all the Eclipse-bred mares he could for Highflyer, and O'Kelly laid hands on every Herod mare he could obtain to mate with Eclipse.

Out of the money he made from Highflyer, "Old Tatt" bought a 600-acre grass farm called New Barns, near Ely, where he built a house which he christened Highflyer Hall.

The Prince Regent stayed there. So did Charles James Fox, and there is a pleasing story of the Prince driving from Highflyer Hall into Newmarket early one morning at full gallop, with William Windham riding the leaders and Charles James Fox the wheelers. The Prince and Richard Tattersall owned the "Morning Post" at one time, and the latter also owned a paper called "The English Chronicle."

Contemporary cynics said this was merely to make sure that his voluminous advertisements should be printed free!

At this period Richard Tattersall was a stout, prosperous, competent man in an immense brass-buttoned scarlet waistcoat. He married Catherine, grand-daughter of the twelfth Lord Somerville, and was beloved by both rich and poor.

He died at Hyde Park Corner in 1795 and was duly succeeded by various Richards and Edmunds, until, in 1863, was born the late "Sommy" Tattersall. A brilliant classical scholar at Eton, he was also a fluent linguist, a mountaineer and, although he could not play a note of music, was for twenty-five years a Director of the Royal Academy of Music. He seldom rode a horse, but was a great authority on racing, breeding and pedigrees. A successful owner and breeder, his mare Foliation won the Waterford, Ribblesdale and Hardwick Stakes at Ascot in three consecutive years.

YEARLING SALES

This year's yearling sales marked the way back to normal buying although the average price was 458 guineas and the aggregate for 467 lots was 256,286 guineas.

The drop was about 22 per cent. and the level of prices was accepted as satisfactory by all breeders.

Keen judges considered that the yearlings brought full value with present conditions when it is obvious that the flood of ready money is falling.

High Hat Bidding.

A. O. Romano gave some of his Bernborough money a ride at the yearling sales — 12,900 guineas for five lots—but he gave auctioneer Reg. Inglis and trainer H. Plant some anxious moments into the bargain.

Romano made an arrangement with Reg. that while he (Romano) had that Californian Stetson on his head Reg. could

keep on bidding for the lot under the hammer.

At the first session Rom. sat with his hat OFF!!

Reg. Inglis became hot and bothered but was reassured presently that all was well.

After lunch when Shannon's brother came into the ring Rom. put on his hat decisively and took it off again only when the hammer fell at 3,500 guineas—buyer A. O. Romano.

Three lots later he donned his sombrero again until the brother to Flying Duke was knocked down to him at 2,700 guineas.

Only flaw in the arrangement was that he omitted to tell Plant of the hat plan—and was H.P. worried?

WEAK talk often arises from strong drink.

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YOU can't call a ship's captain a bigamist even if he has a second mate.



An Easter snap of famous Palm Beach, showing various camps, with Barrenjoey Lighthouse and Lion Island in the distance.—
Photo by N.S.W. Tourist Bureau.

A FORTUNE KNOCKS YOU FOR SIX

Reactions of a £5-a-week storeman to winning £40,000, as condensed in "The English Digest" from an article by Sidney Rodin in "The Sunday Express."

If you were a poor man and someone suddenly gave you £40,000, what would it do to you? How would you feel?

Fair-haired William Youell is 27. He is the son of a London carman. He is stolid, quiet, careful in life. Careful with money, too, except that he does permit himself a bet on a horse—not more than 5/-.

He married Maisie, a Land Army girl, fourteen months ago, when he was still in the Navy. Released last November, he settled down with her in a single room in her mother's home in Brereton Avenue, Cleethorpes, Lincs. In William's modest way, they were beginning to enjoy life. William had £78 gratuity. With their war savings their total capital was £140.

He had never had so much money, and when he got a job nearby as a storeman at £4/18/- a week life seemed to stretch smoothly before him. Each week he gave Maisie £2/5/-, out of which she paid £1 rent and 2/- insurance. William allowed himself 30/- for their amusements, and there were always five or ten shillings to put in the money-box. Then it all happened.

It was about 6.15 in the evening. William was sitting in the parlour ticking off football results by the radio. There was hubbub in the room because they were all getting ready for a coach outing to the Prussian Queen Inn. William said: "Maisie, I think I've got the points pool up."

Maisie detected excitement in that steady voice. She bent over

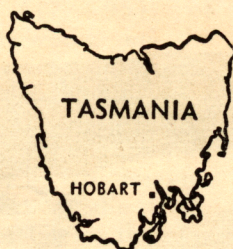
to look. William explained methodically. Then she walked into the garden. Her heart appeared to be jumping about; it was too much for her.

A hooting from the coach made them rush to join it, but William drily announced to the waiting thirty passengers: "I've just won a points pool." Some whistled. Some were incredulous. One said: "You'll be all right for a couple of thousand now."

At the Prussian Queen it was all sing-songs and drinks, and everyone seemed to have forgotten. Except William, who had a queer uncertainty within him. And Maisie, who thought fast and silently.

Checking the Papers.

They returned at 11 p.m., and



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William checked with the evening paper. Yes, if this copy was right if his coupon had got there, a few thousand perhaps. He and his wife slept soundly, although William remembered he had had a feeling some days back that this was his lucky week.

Monday morning at 6.45 William was up as usual and cycled to work, arriving at 7.45. Again life flowed for another ordinary day until 10.30 that night, when William and his wife shot out of bed at the arrival of a pools messenger whose news brought the first moment of absolute certainty. Their claim was acknowledged, but no amount known.

Neither could sleep. Maisie kept asking how much he thought the prize might be.

A reporter arrived. He was the first to mention £40,000. But the pools man himself pooh-poohed that. Then the reporter returned with a teleprinter message: "Mr. William Youell has won £40,747/10/-."

Mr. William Youell said: "I don't believe it."

The reporter rang his office for confirmation, but William repeated: "I still can't believe it. I think it's too fantastic."

Other newspaper men and camera men crowded into the little parlour in Brereton Avenue. The whole street was uproar. Everyone came racing round to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Youell.

Then the Mayor of Cleethorpes entered.

"I won't press you now," said the mayor, "but if you can spare something for my war memorial. . . ."

Next the manager of a local bank: "If you care to deposit some of your money I will do all I can to help you, and I can transact all your business for you."

William dazed but cool, gave his answer: "I'll let you know. I haven't got the cheque yet." He shook hands with the first bank manager to enter into his life.

That evening in his second best

suit he went for a drink in the Darley Hotel with his two brothers-in-law and two friends.

When he went up to the bar to order five pints he heard the murmur go round: "That young fellow has won £40,000." A woman joked in a stage whisper: "Let me rub my leg against his trousers."

William's party talked about the money you could make buying and selling fish. William felt the stirring of ambition, found himself getting interested.

He and his wife travelled to London by third class on that Wednesday, she in a smart grey costume, he in his best suit, the one he got married in.

They went to Fairmead Road, Holloway, N., the home of his parents, who had been warned by telegram: "Won some money."

When William was handed his cheque he kissed it and put it in his right jacket pocket. Later he handed it to his wife to put in her purse.



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Swimming Pool Notes

Wilson-Lewis Star.

Not only on the Turf were doubles all the talk round about Easter time but they also were headlines in the Swimming Pool with the Don Wilson-C. J. Lewis pair the topnotchers.

Actually they completed a brace of doubles. In the first place the draw out of the hat paired them together in the two Bruce Relay Handicaps in March and secondly they led the fields home in both.

It was a great month for Club Committee-man Donald Wilson as, in addition to the two relay wins, he won a 40 yds. Handicap in 26 seconds and was second in another. Don's style makes habitués think he is swimming well within his powers but he hasn't anything left up his sleeve when he makes the final touch.

In the season's point score, Pat Eiseman is in the lead with 85 points followed by Clive Hoole with 77½ points and our stalwart of many seasons, George Goldie, third with 73½.

Congratulations to Peter Lindsay on winning the last Point Score, his first. Peter has been one of our best supporters and triers and he was deservedly tickled to death to end up on top.

Results:—

40 Yards Handicap, 4th March.—J. Creer (28), 1; T. H. English (27), 2; A. McCamley (29), 3. Time, 24 4/5 secs.

80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap, 11th March.—C. J. Lewis and D. Wilson (51), 1; C. Hoole and A. McCamley (52), 2; G. Goldie and S. B. Solomon (62), 3. Time, 49 secs.

40 Yards Handicap, 18th March.—N. Barrell (27), 1; D. Wilson (28), 2; D. Hunter (27), 3. Time, 26 secs.

80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap, 25th March.—D. Wilson and C. J. Lewis (50), 1; S. B. Solomon and K. Eiseman (50), 2; P. Hill and G. Goldie (55), 3. Time, 48 secs.

40 Yards Handicap, 1st April.—D. Wilson (27), 1; G. Goldie (33), 2; C. J. Lewis (23), 3. Time, 26 secs.

February-March Point Score.—P. Lindsay 21 points, 1; A. McCamley and D. Wilson 19½, 2; S. Lorking and C. Hoole 17½, 4; G. Goldie 17, 6; T. H. English 16½, 7; J. N. Creer 14½, 8; K. Hunter 13, 9; S. Murray 12½, 10; K. Eiseman, S. B. Solomon and W. K. Garnsey 12, 11; V. Richards and D. Hunter 11½, 14.

March-April Point Score.—With two races to complete it, leaders in this series are: D. Wilson 16 points, C. J. Lewis 14, G. Goldie 13, K. Eiseman 11, P. Hill 10, C. Hoole and S. B. Solomon 9, N. P. Murphy 7.

1946-47 Point Score.—Up to the first race in April leading points scorers for the season are:—K. Eiseman 85, C. Hoole 77½, G. Goldie 73½, S. Murray 62½, P. Lindsay 59½, T. H. English 59½, N. P. Murphy 59½, K. Hunter 56, S. B. Solomon 54½, G. Boulton 53½, D. Wilson 49, S. Lorking 47, A. McCamley 46½, G. Carr 39, V. Richards 39, H. E. Davies 35½, J. Creer 34½, E. T. Penfold 29, T. A. Richards 28, D. Hunter 25½.

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Everything has been done to assure the best possible conditions for players and the table installed represents a true example of the maker's art.

All will depend on the skill of the various competitors and the final scores will reflect their ability with cue in hand.

In future issues progressive results will appear together with notes on some of the highlights.

At first glance the handicappers appear to have done a grand job of work and never before, in our tournaments, have so many held the view they can vindicate the handicappers' judgment and win from allotted marks.

That is all to the good. There is a general keenness to get on

with the job. Nothing could better auger for complete success.

Questions Answered.

Last issue members were invited to ask any questions relating to the rules which, in their minds, were open to doubt.

There were three inquiries:—

Snooker: A player who is "on" a red ball pots it but the cue-ball then cannons on to the black and goes in-off. What happens?

Answer: Penalty is four points because first impact of the ball governs all strokes. If, however, the black should roll into a pocket as a result of that shot the penalty would be seven points.

Question: Black and pink are the only balls left on table. The striker knows that if he merely touches the pink that ball will knock the black into a pocket and cause him to give seven points away. He misses the pink. What happens?

Answer: It is a matter for the referee who can order the stroke to be re-played after replacing the cue-ball as near as possible to its original position or, if he considers the miss deliberate, he can award the game to the non-offending player. A penalty of six points would be debited for every miss.

Question: A player inadvertently picks up the cue-ball. What penalty?

Answer: He loses the value of the ball "on" and also his turn at the table.

A good trier in swimming races is George Brown who always reckons he's too bulky for racing but keeps on saddling up in great style. It only seems the other day that we saw George take out a Surf Championship at Bondi against the best in the State. George won by the proverbial "street" and, if memory serves correctly, only one other competitor completed the course.

Handball Notes

THE boys who bash the ball round the Handball courts on the Third Floor are getting very busy preparing for the Club Championships which will start as soon as the present handicap tournament is completed.

A number of early birds have been sighted putting in solid work for the "C" Grade Championship. But's it's safe to tip that Messrs. A. G. Collins, Lionel bloom, Bill Kirwan and E. A. Davis won't be out of the running early when the championships start.

Results of games played during March were:—

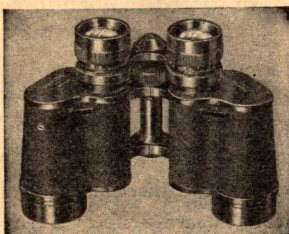
First Round: P. J. Hernon (-11), beat J. Buckle (-4), 31-29; G. Pratten received forfeit from J. Harris.

Second Round: E. E. Davis (-15), beat G. McGilvray (-11), 31-21; I. Green (-3), beat J. A. Coen (-11), 31-14; E. T. Penfold (3), beat Z. Lazarus (scr.), 31-24.

Third Round: I. Green (-3), beat E. T. Penfold (3), 31-25.

Second Round games still to be played are: P. J. Hernon (-11) v. B. Partridge (-10), K. Williams (3) v. K. Eisman (5), G. Pratten (5) v. G. Carr (15).

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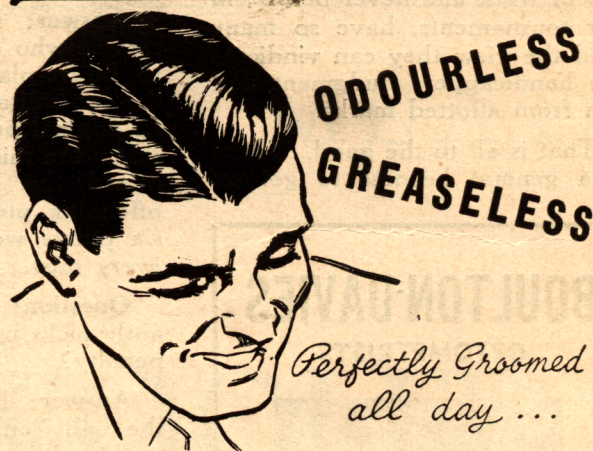
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STRANGE ACCIDENTS

Our mothers tell us from infancy to be careful when crossing the road. They fear accident and unseen dangers. It is not always the careless who suffer. Here are some fantastic "accidents" recorded officially.

EDGAR TOWLER, chemist's assistant of Chicago, U.S.A., may never have taken a prize in a beauty show but "how can he love?"

One evening Edgar rushed home from work, embraced his wife together with a Hollywood kiss. He broke her jaw!

Edgar was perturbed and sorry but wifey was insured against accident and he put in his claim. The company contested the claim but the court accepted the story and the money was paid.

Mrs. Edgar's jaw mended and so brought about a happy ending for the family.

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SOME accidents are pleasant! Old Glebe-ites can tell of the late international cricketer, "Tibby" Cotter, who went to Randwick one day to try his luck.

In the classic event of the day he wanted to back a horse "Psytyx" but was doubtful about the pronunciation. Approaching a fielder he asked for "ten shillings on that" thinking he was pointing to the right horse. He was given a ticket for ten guineas on the next one to it—Cider and, after the race, collected the biggest win of his turf life.

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"**IT** felt as if Tommy Burns had hit me," said Mr. N. Neasby of Arncliffe, a council employee, when interviewed after a water cock over which he was working had burst. Mr. Neasby was blown right out of a 4 ft. hole and deposited on the roadway.

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JAMES McCORMACK of Parramatta when about to cross a street failed to notice a "silent" cop. Result, a broken arm.

A RESIDENT of Randwick was driving his car when it broke down at Bungan Head, Narra-been. At the time he was only a few feet off a 300 ft. drop. He got out to tinkle with his carburetter and, having fixed it, applied the crank handle. What he had forgotten was that he had left the gear in reverse. The car literally flew back and over the top. All he had then was a crank handle and a wreck.

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THIS one comes from Germany: While shaving a customer a barber became excited and dropped dead over an argument on politics. As he fell the razor slit the throat of the customer who bled to death.

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A Brisbane man, holidaying at Tewantin, yawned and broke his jaw. He was not insured!

A BOY, with curious nature, living at Berry decided to investigate electricity power.

He tied a wire round a bottle and then tossed it over an electric cable carrying 33,000 volts. He was knocked unconscious and the live wire set fire to the grass which started a bush fire. That was in 1940.

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IT all adds up to this. "Look up and you will see only sunshine and blue sky."

You might also fall into a deep dark pit.

ELLIS ACHONG, West Indian Test cricketer, will play for Castleton Moor Cricket Club next season in the Central Lancashire League. Castleton Moor previously negotiated for the services of Vinoo Mankad, the Indian all-rounder.

Both are expected in Australia next season.

RACING FIXTURES—1947

APRIL

City Tattersall's.....	Sat., 19th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 26th

MAY

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 3rd
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 10th
Tattersall's Club	Sat., 17th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..	Sat., 24th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 31st

JUNE

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..	Sat., 7th
Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 14th
Australian Jockey Club....	Mon., 16th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 21st
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..	Sat., 28th

JULY

Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 5th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 12th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 19th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 26th

AUGUST

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 2nd
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..	Mon., 4th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 9th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 16th

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 23rd
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..	Sat., 30th

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 6th
Tattersall's Club	Sat., 13th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 20th
Hawkesbury Racing Club	Sat., 27th

OCTOBER

Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 4th
Australian Jockey Club....	Mon., 6th
Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 11th
City Tattersall's.....	Sat., 18th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 25th

NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 1st
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 8th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..	Sat., 15th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..	Sat., 22nd
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 29th

DECEMBER

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..	Sat., 6th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 13th
Australian Jockey Club....	Sat., 20th
Australian Jockey Club....	Fri., 26th
Tattersall's Club	Sat., 27th

London "Games" Preparations

In just over a year the 14th Olympic Games will be held in London and from now until then the preparations for sending an Australian team to try out against the world's best will be real news.

Thus early it is futile to try to tip the members of the team but it is interesting to learn of some of the arrangements made for the holding of the Games.

Seventeen sports are listed:—Equestrian, Yachting, Fencing, Shooting, Boxing, Swimming, Cycling, Football, Rowing, Canoeing, Basketball, Field Hockey, Wrestling, Weight-Lifting, Modern Pentathlon, Athletics and Gymnastics.

Main arena for the Games will be Wembley Stadium where the Greyhound and Speedway tracks will disappear and a first class running track with seven lanes will replace.

The Equestrian events will be held in the Windsor area or Aldershot. As a climax picked

riders will compete for the coveted Prix des Nations jumping competition in the Olympic Stadium. Each nation enters a team of three horsemen who must each jump over from 16 to 20 jumps on each round of the course. The jumps include a water obstacle about 13 feet wide with a hedge in front of it, also post and rail jumps with a maximum height of 5ft. 3 ins.

Venue for the Yacht Racing has not yet been fixed but Fencing will be at the Palace of Arts at Wembley and Shooting at Bisley from 2nd to 6th August, 1948.

The Empire Pool Building at Wembley will be used for the Boxing contests from 29th July to 4th August. Wembley Stadium is preparing a new floor which can be easily removed to enable the swimming pool to be used afterwards and so that later on it may revert to an Ice Rink.

As soon as the last Boxing bout ends workmen will demolish the ring and take up the floor so as to prepare the swimming pool. Work will be necessary day and night to get the pool ready for the first indoor events to commence on 6th August. The first swimming events take place in the outdoor Pool on 6th August and the finals will be held in the Empire Pool on 12th or 13th August. Diving and Water Polo will mostly be in the outdoor pool.

Herne Hill will be used for the Track Cycling events from 4th to 7th August but the course for the Road Race has not been fixed.

Preliminary rounds of the Football will take place on grounds in the London area starting 30th July with the semi-finals at the Olympic Stadium on the evenings of 10th and 11th August and the Final on 13th August.

Rowing and Canoeing will naturally be on the Henley course, from 6th to 13th August.

The enormous growth in the popularity of Basket Ball leads


the Olympic Committee to anticipate an entry of up to 28 teams and this large entry will provide a great deal of ingenuity in providing the necessary dressing room accommodation for a minimum of 120 players at any one time.

Field Hockey is set down for the Olympic Stadium on 9th August after preliminary rounds on London grounds from 3rd to 7th.

The Modern Pentathlon, comprising cross country running, shooting, horse-riding, fencing and swimming will be held at various venues from 31st July to 5th August. Wrestling and Weight-Lifting venues have not yet been decided.

All Athletic events will be held at the Olympic Stadium from 30th July to 7th August.

The problem of housing the competitors and officials who will number over 5,000 is being examined by experts who will decide whether to build an Olympic village as was done at the 1932 Games.



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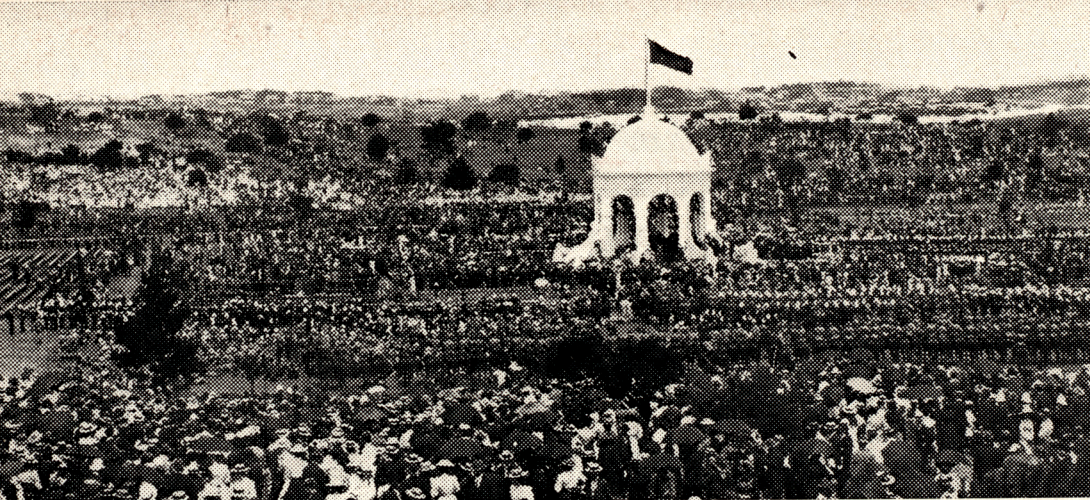
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CENTENNIAL PARK

*Federal Proclamation,
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AS the name suggests, Centennial Park commemorates a centenary. The park is in fact a beautiful and tangible memorial to the first hundred years colonisation in Australia and very fittingly indeed Centennial Park was chosen as the spot wherein the Commonwealth of Australia was inaugurated in 1901.

The park, of approximately 600 acres, has on its borders four of the most heavily-populated suburbs of Sydney; extending from Carrington Road, Waverley, on the east, to Moore Park on the west and from the boundary of Woollahra to Randwick on the south.

By reason of the open stretches of the park a noble vista of parts of Sydney is permitted from the high slopes of Waverley and Woollahra—it is a superb panorama too often, however, taken for granted.

In the park itself are playing fields, many lovely drives and avenues, also ornamental lakes with quaint overgrown islands often teeming with wild life. A bridle path for the many who still love the horse makes Centennial Park the Rotten Row of Sydney.

This vast area of parkland we owe to the foresight and thought of one of our earliest Governors—Lachlan Macquarie, who set the land apart as a water reserve for the people of Sydney.

So desolate and uninviting was the site of Centennial Park round about the year 1810 that it earned the name of "Lachlan's Swamps", by which it was known for many years.

Even before the advent of Governor Macquarie in 1810, the Tank Stream had become inadequate as a water supply for the fast-growing colony. The question of making practical provision for this need was deferred until Colonel John Busby arrived here in 1824 to devise a satisfactory scheme for a water supply.

Colonel Busby planned to drive a mine the whole way from the Lachlan Swamps and bring the water into the colony at a level high enough to supply most of the town. The Colonel's proposal was adopted and convict labour made available for the construction of the tunnel or as it was popularly called "Busby's Bore". In 1837 the pipe line reached completion and so our second water supply came into being.

The water used was impounded in the swamp by dams, the lines of which still remain in the ornamental lakes of the park.

Incidentally, the old pump outside Victoria Barracks is one of those put down by Busby to serve the very outermost fringe of the Colony at that time!

Colonel Busby's meritorious work was, unfortunately, never fully appreciated; he did not ever recover the full amount of the reward for his work promised by the Government—a circumstance which is said to have hastened his death which occurred soon after his great work reached completion.

Until 1885 the Park was known as "The Water Reserve", and in its still wild state was the happy hunting ground of small boys who delighted in raiding the wildflowers and Christmas Bush which grew there in profusion.

On the western boundary, too, in those earlier days was "Orr's Quarry", corrupted by the local lads into "Old Horse Quarry"—a famous swimming hole—in which swam practically every boy who lived in those days in Paddington, Woollahra and Waverley. The water was not too clean and many a time a dead dog or two would be dragged out to make room for a decent swim, but youth took little account of those minor details!

"Red Hill", in the "Water Reserve" near the Show-ground, received its name from the ironstone outcrop and red gravel of its summit. It also formed a "stop" (sometimes) for stray bullets which missed the dead iron targets on the rifle range nearby.

On the completion of the Nepean scheme, the Premier, Sir Henry Parkes, suggested that the erstwhile "Water Reserve" should be made into a great park, superior to any other in the colony at that time—a park which would serve to commemorate the centenary of New South Wales, to be named, with the permission of Her Most Gracious Majesty, "Queen's Park".

Sir George Reid considered, however, that the title of "Centennial Park" more truly described the historic occasion. The park proposal and the name of Centennial Park received official approval on the understanding that 106 acres of the land would be sold leaving 662 acres for the Park.

On 26th January—Anniversary Day—1888, the great park was ready for the official opening and 50,000 people gathered to hear the then Governor, Lord Carrington, declare Centennial Park dedicated "to the enjoyment of the people of New South Wales for ever".

Tree planting followed the opening ceremony and the great crowd was "vastly entertained by the many bands and the pageantry of glittering uniforms which graced the historic occasion".

Throughout its existence, Centennial Park has been the scene of military reviews. In the earlier days troops from all over the State were mustered to celebrate Queen Victoria's birthdays when a great showing of nearly 6,000 men paraded. They must have presented a colourful and stirring picture.

Many famous generals have taken the salute in the Park. The greatest historical event of the kind, however, associated with Centennial Park was the Review of British, Indian and Australian troops by His late Majesty King George V (then Duke of York) at the ceremony of inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia.

A great day was this for the people of Sydney who flocked in their thousands to the park and took up vantage positions on surrounding slopes. Vast crowds lined the route of the march along Oxford Street and others enjoyed dress circle seats on temporary stands erected here and there or even clung to roof tops and house tops.

To mark the great event a pedestal was afterwards erected in the park in the centre of the natural amphitheatre there.

Centennial Park certainly has been a place of famous occasions and yet this great park every day fulfils its strictly utilitarian purpose in bringing health and happiness to many thousands of Sydney citizens and to their children who play in its sunlit spaces and gardens.

To that great statesman, Sir Henry Parkes, we owe the existence of the Centennial Park today but to a great man, not fully appreciated by the Government of his time, we should also pay tribute for the thought and wide vision which prompted Lachlan Macquarie to set apart this land for our enjoyment in the years to come.



Riding Party in Centennial Park.

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